

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0008] with the following amended paragraph:

[0008] The aforementioned long-felt needs are met, and problems solved, by GUIs of the present invention. Preferably, the GUIs comprise at least one option are area for displaying to a user functions which may be invoked by the user by operating an input device to the GUI. Even more preferably, an instrumentality is operable to be activated by the user when the user manipulates the input device for displaying at the user's command in a separate menu the functions that are displayable to the user in the at least one option area.

Please replace paragraph [0015] with the following amended paragraph:

[0015] Figure 2 is a view of the GUI of Figure [[2]] 1 wherein the option areas have been re-sized;

Please replace paragraph [0024] with the following amended paragraph:

[0024] Figure 4 illustrates an inventive GUI which is similar in form to the prior GUIs of Figures 1 and [[3]] 2 in that the same three option areas 30, 40, 50 are extant. In accordance with the invention, an instrumentality 150 is provided to the GUI which will allow the user to display the options which are available in any one, or all, or the option areas 30, 40 SO, preferably by a single mouse click. In the preferred embodiment, instrumentality 150 is an icon in the form of a lightning bolt. It will be appreciated that the icon could take any form and may be placed in the GUI at any place that is conspicuous to the user. Alternatively, a unique combination or sequence of keystrokes could be used as the instrumentality, for example, Ctrl-Shift-F1.

Please replace paragraph [0026] with the following amended paragraph:

[0026] As can be seen, in the embodiment of Figure 5 menu 160 comprises four separate areas corresponding to different software options available to the user. A first area 162 displays options that are not associated with option areas 30, 40, 50. Rather, first area 162 displays options relating to mouse menus which a user may access through the GUI after separate menu 160 is accessed. Area 164 displays options that correspond to those found in option area 30; print, save, query and update. Area 166 displays options that correspond to those found in option area 40; print, update and re-sync. Similarly, area 168 displays options that correspond to those found in option area 50; print, query and send. Any or all of the options displayed on menu 160 in areas 162, 164, 166, 168 may be hidden from the user through the GUI before the icon 150 is invoked, and so they only become apparent to the user when the separate menu 160 is displayed. This allows the user fast and easy access to the options ~~with~~ without long, frustrating periods of search for the functionality provided by these options.